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November 19, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

34 November 19, 2013

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
AND THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD
SAN GABRIEL RIVER - PARCELS 24, 24.1, 29, 31, 402, AND 565
IN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve a Use Agreement for public recreational purposes between the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the City of Lakewood along a portion of the San Gabriel River in the City of Lakewood.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

1. Acting as a responsible agency, find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Find that the Use Agreement between the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the City of Lakewood with a term of 25 years for public recreational purposes along a portion of the San Gabriel River Parcels 24, 24.1, 29, 31, 402, and 565 in the City of Lakewood will not interfere or be inconsistent with the primary use and purposes of the property and adjacent facilities of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

3. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to sign the Use Agreement and authorize delivery to the City of Lakewood.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval from the Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), to approve a Use Agreement between the LACFCD and the City of Lakewood (City) for public recreational purposes along a portion of the San Gabriel River Parcels 24, 24.1, 29, 31, 402, and 565 located within the City. The City proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a walking trail, landscaping, fencing, signage, and irrigation system in connection with the City's West San Gabriel River Parkway Project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1). The improvements will enhance river aesthetics and public recreational opportunities in the area, thereby improving the quality of life for the residents of the County of Los Angeles.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

There will be no monetary consideration paid for this Use Agreement since use of the LACFCD's right of way is for recreational purposes. The Los Angeles County Flood Control Act provides for LACFCD right of way to be used for these purposes as long as the public recreational purposes are compatible with the LACFCD's use of the property for flood control, water quality, and water conservation.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

San Gabriel River Parcels 24, 24.1, 29, 31, 402, and 565 are located on the west side of the San Gabriel River between Carson Street and Candlewood Street in the City of Lakewood.

The Use Agreement is for a term of 25 years and is authorized pursuant to Section 2, paragraph 14, of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act. This Section authorizes the LACFCD..."To provide, by agreement with other public agencies...for the recreational use of the lands, facilities, and works of the district which shall not interfere or be inconsistent, with the primary use and purpose of the lands, facilities, and works by the district."

The Use Agreement document will be reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form prior to its execution by the Chief Engineer.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15304(b) and 15305 of the CEQA guidelines and Classes 4(c) and 5(a) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines previously adopted by the Board. These exemptions provide for new gardening or landscaping which does not include live tree removal and agreements with other local agencies to accomplish activities that are categorically exempt. The City

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of Lakewood is the lead agency for this project, and a Notice of Exemption was prepared by the City and filed with the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles on October 11, 2011.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action allows for the use and enjoyment of the LACFCD right of way by the public without interfering with the primary mission of the LACFCD.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

GF:SGS:psr

c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset
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Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Executive Office